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1. The Yugoslav Adriatic coast was recently divided into five defense sectors, upon action by the Minister of National Defense and proposal of the Minister of War. Up to the present the Adriatic coast had been subdivided into three sectors.

First Defense Sector: Coast of Istria from Trieste to Fiume

2. This sector, called the "Slovene Defense Line", is one of the most important defense sectors and includes principal railroad lines such as the Sv. Petar na Krasu - Ljubljana - Maribor railroad.
3. The various principal military bases are located on the outskirts of Divaca, Sv. Petar and Klana. The military strength in this sector does not surpass 25,000 men.
4. Army and Marine units are well-armed. Weapons are almost totally Soviet furnished by the Soviet Union during the past few years. The greater part consists of artillery, anti-tank, anti-aircraft and field guns. Apart from artillery contingents many other units are to be found in this sector, especially Marine units supplied with automatic armament and allegedly, special poisonous gases. (The gas was supplied by the Soviet Union in 1946.) These units are supported by aviation units deployed in neighboring airports.
5. Included in this first sector are all the islands of the Kvarner, such as Losinj Veliki, Losinj Mali and Cres, which have been well-fortified with coastal artillery and machine guns. A special armored car detachment in this sector under the jurisdiction of the Yugoslav Marine Corps, has headquarters in Fiume and comprises some twenty modern armored cars of the Soviet type S-54.

Second Defense Sector: Adriatic Coast of Croatia

6. The second defense sector of the Yugoslav Adriatic coast extends from Fiume to Karlobag. Under its jurisdiction are the surrounding islands of Krk, Rab, Prvic and San Grugur. Important railroads are in this sector connecting Fiume and Zagreb. In addition to this it abounds in good communications routes which bind the coast with the interior. Among the most important roads are the following:

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Susak - Grabnik - Delnice - Karlovac;
 Crkvenica - Plase - Gorski Kotar;
 Novi Vinodol - Stalak - Oresnica - Ogulin;
 Senj - Krivi Put;
 Sumaska Cesta: Krivi Put - Vodice - Oresnica - Ogulin - Senj - Vratnik -
 Brinje - Josip Dol - Senj;
 Bilog - Otocac - Sveti Juraj;
 Krasno - Jablanovac;
 Stirovaca - Kralobag - Gospic.

7. All these roads formerly completely abandoned, are now under construction. From a strategic point of view they are important because of the fact that they connect the Adriatic Coast with the mountainous zones of Gorski Kotar and the Velebit and lead to the coastal area and the hinterland of Croatian Lika, as well as the open roads leading to Bosnia, Kranj, Banat, Karlovac, Zagreb and Slovenia via Cerna. The military force deployed in this sector amounts to some 25,000 soldiers, including Marine forces. There is also an airport, constructed in 1948, at which an air squadron is presently deployed. The squadron is subdivided into three pursuit groups.

Third Defense Sector: Northern Coast of Dalmatia

8. The third defense sector known as "Defense Sector of Upper Dalmatia" stretches from Karlobag to Zadar, including the islands of Pag, Olib, Silba, Preko and Molat. A fairly important road in this sector is the Obrenovac - Lovinac - Gracac - Lapac - Buhac - Knin road.
9. Knin is the principal military base in this sector. Yugoslav Marine contingents are deployed, and a military air force is stationed at the airport near Knin. Smaller units are at Zadar, where there is a Marine battalion armed with new automatic weapons. The bulk of the military force is to be found in barracks of Gracanica, Korenica and Lapac, but the strength does not supercede 16,000 men.
10. Several coast batteries have been newly installed on the islands of Pag, Silba and Molat. The old fortification line on Molat which was built by the former Yugoslav Royal Navy has been renewed. Two artillery batteries are located here, each composed of four 150 mm. caliber cannons.

Fourth Defense Sector: Sibenik - Split - Dubrovnik

11. Sibenik (well-fortified), Split (well-fortified), and Dubrovnik, with the neighboring islands of Lesina, Brac, Korcula, Dugi Rat are included in this sector. The main naval base of the Yugoslav naval fleet is in this sector, while Divulje and Sinj are the Army bases. Strategic importance is lent to this sector by roads leading into the interior through Bosnia and Hercegovina. The military strength approximates 45,000 men and includes Marine, Army and Navy contingents.

Fifth Defense Sector: Coast of Montenegro

12. The fifth defense sector covers the coast from Dubrovnik to the Albanian border. The numerical strength is about 70,000 men including the Marine force, the Navy and the Army. The Boka Kotorska naval base is situated in this sector.

The Island of Vis

13. The island of Vis constitutes a separate sector which does not have a numerical or special denomination. It is well-fortified and supplied with coastal and anti-aircraft artillery. Its airfield was built according to the latest technical methods, and a group of bi-motor bombers is deployed here. The Marine regiment stationed here serves for the maintenance of order and defense of the island. It is well-armed and supplied with newly manufactured arms.
14. Each of the above sectors has a Sector Commander. These are superior officers, generally Colonels. The Commanders are in charge of their sectors and of the

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units deployed there. The following are names of the Commanders and other directing personnel of the five defense sector commands:

First Sector - Fiume

Sector Commander	: Colonel Jovan Vranic
Assistant Commander	: Major Ferdinand Picelj
Political Commissar	: Alojz Becej

Second Sector - Karlobag

Sector Commander	: Colonel Franjo Dujmovic
Assistant Commander	: Captain Disdarevic (fmu)
Political Commissar	: Dragutin Ocokoljic

Third Sector - Zadar

Sector Commander	: Colonel Stanislav Doder
Assistant Commander	: Captain Mehmed Ljubisic
Political Commissar	: Ljubomir Popovic

Fourth Sector - Split (The central office of the Command is in Dubrovnik)

Sector Commander	: Colonel Ostojica Stetic
Assistant Commander	: Captain Mate Dubravic
Political Commissar	: Colonel Vladimir Lolovic

Fifth Sector - Boka Kotorska (Tivat)

Sector Commander	: Colonel Mladen Dozel
Assistant Commander	: Major ? ?
Political Commissar	: Ignjac Frnjat

The Island of Vis also has its Sector Commander, but he was recently replaced, and his name is not yet known.

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